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SUBJECT: AUG. 3 SYRIAN MEDIA REPORT COMPREHENSIVE CEASEFIRE  
AGREEMENT AMONG ALL FACTIONS IN LEBANON

1. SYRIAN MEDIA STRESSED NEW CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT REACHED  
IN BEIRUT AND PLANS TO EVACUATE WOUNDED FROM TELL ZAATAR,  
AND CONTINUED CRITICISM OF EGYPTIAN REGIME AND SINAI ACCORD.  
PRESS BANNERED: "NEW CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT WITHIN FRAMEWORK  
OF SYRO-PALESTINIAN ACCORD. EVACUATION OF WOUNDED FROM  
TELL ZAATAR GETS UNDERWAY TODAY. OPTIMISM OVER SETTLEMENT  
OF LEBANESE CRISIS INCREASE AS RESULT OF SYRO-PALESTINIAN  
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AGREEMENT. ARAB MASSES REGARD AGREEMENT AS (MARKING)

FAILURE OF PARTIES TO SINAI ACCORD TO SOW DISCORD BETWEEN SYRIANS AND PLO."

2. MEDIA CITED BEIRUT AL-ANWAR REPORT OF COMPREHENSIVE CEASEFIRE AGREED TO BY ALL RIVAL FACTIONS PAVING WAY FOR RETURN TO NORMAL LIFE WITHIN TEN DAYS. AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY CONTAINS FOLLOWING SEVEN PROVISIONS:

A) CEASEFIRE THROUGHOUT LEBANON BEGINNING 0200L AUG. 4;

B) BROADCASTING OF TEXT OF AGREEMENT BY ALL LEBANESE INFORMATION MEDIA;

C) END TO SHELLING, SPORADIC FIRE AND INFILTRATION OPERATIONS;

D) END TO KIDNAPPING;

E) ELIMINATION OF ALL MILITARY MANIFESTATIONS, BARRICADES, ETC.;

F) HALT OF ALL PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS IN LEBANON;

G) SUPERVISION OF CEASEFIRE BY ASF DETACHMENTS IN EAST AND WEST BEIRUT.

3. ARAB LEAGUE REP. DR. KHOULI STATED THAT EVACUATION OF WOUNDED FROM TELL ZAATAR WOULD BEGIN THIS MORNING.

4. PRESS NOTED THAT LEBANESE CABINET SCHEDULED TO CONVENE AUG. 4 TO DISCUSS DUTIES OF LEBANESE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

5. MEDIA REPORTED ADDITIONAL ARAB SUPPORT FOR DAMASCUS ACCORD. IN BEIRUT, RASHID KARAME DECLARED THAT ACCORD CONSTITUTED BEGINNING OF THE END OF LEBANESE CRISIS. LEBANESE NASSARITE LEADER KAMAL SHATILA TALKED WITH SANA CORRESPONDENT AND PRAISED ACCORD AND SYRIAN ROLE IN WORKING TO RESOLVE CRISIS. HOWEVER, PRESS NOTED THAT "ORGANS OF EGYPTIAN REGIME CONTINUE THEIR SPITEFUL ATTACK AGAINST SYRO-PALESTINIAN ACCORD, THEREBY DEFYING UNAN-

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IMITY OF ARAB OPINION WHICH CONSIDERS IT THE ONLY MEANS TO STOP SPILLING OF ARAB BLOOD. INFORMED OBSERVERS INTERPRET EGYPTIAN MEDIA CAMPAIGN AS ATTEMPT TO DEFEND SINAI AGREEMENT WHOSE NEGATIVE EFFECTS UPON COURSE OF ARAB STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION OF TERRITORIES AND ASSURANCE OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS ARE STILL BEING FELT."

6. MOST PRESS COLUMNISTS DENOUNCED EGYPTIAN REGIME AND

SIANAI AGREEMENT. AL-BAATH WRITER ASSERTED THAT, "LEADER-  
SHIP OF EGYPTIAN REGIME CAN LIE AS MUCH AS IT PLEASES.  
BUT IT WILL NOT FIND ONE NATIONALIST OR ONE SENSIBLE  
PERSON WHO BELIEVES WHAT IT SAYS." ANOTHER COLUMNIST  
OPINED THAT MOST PRESSING CURRENT NATIONAL DEMAND  
BEFORE ARABS WAS "COUNTERING NEW PHASE OF SINAI ACCORD  
PLOT." THIRD COLUMNIST DECRIED NEW PHASE IN ISRAELI-  
EGYPTIAN COLLUSION -- PLAN TO END STATE OF WAR. HE  
ADDED THAT "MALICIOUS ONSLAUGHT BY PARTIES TO SINAI  
ACCORD AGAINST SYRO-PALESTINIAN AGREEMENT PROVES THAT  
THIS AGREEMENT IS A SEVERE BLOW TO PLOTTERS."  
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